

Serial No. 10/756,990
Amdt. dated June 28, 2005
Reply to Office action of Sept. 21, 2005

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1-5 and 53 were rejected as obvious over patents to Knontchick and Hoffman. Claims 1-5 and 53 have been canceled.

Rewritten in Independent Form

In the Examiner's paragraph 4, it is noted that claims 6-44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

In response, some of these claims have been rewritten in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, as follows:

Claims 6, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their base claim (1) and intervening claim (4).

Claims 13 and 38 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their base claim (1); there are no intervening claims.

Claims 7, 11-12, 14-37 and 39-44 depend from one of the rewritten claims, and thus did not require amendment.

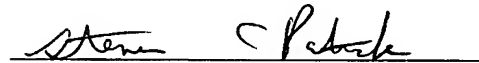
Therefore, each of claims 6-44 should be in proper form for allowance.

The Examiner also notes that claims 45-52 are allowed.

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All of the claims presently in the application are believed to be patentably distinct with respect to the cited art and to otherwise be in proper form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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